

Leaving pet waste on public and private property in Needham is prohibited per the Town's bylaws! It is **ALSO** a finable offense!

Article 3.7.7 Removal of Pet Waste.

No person owning or keeping a dog shall suffer, permit, or allow such a dog to leave feces in any public or private property of someone other than that of the dog's owner or keeper within the Town of Needham, without the approval of said property owner. Any person having custody and control of a dog in any such area shall carry him or her with proper equipment for the removal of feces. For purposes of this section, the means of removal shall be any tool, implement, or device carried for the purpose of picking up and containing such feces. No person shall leave or dispose of said feces in any catch basin, drainage structure, waterway or on any public property or street except in a trash receptacle.

First Offense: \$25.00 Fine

Each Subsequent Offense: \$50.00 Fine



Needham Dog & Kennel License Information

State Law Requires that all dogs six months of age and older must be licensed **ANNUALLY** by April 30th — regardless if the dog is spayed or neutered. After that date, the Animal Control Officer will issue a fine of \$50.00 per dog.

Three License Options

- 1) Renewals **ONLY** can be made online at www.needhamma.gov
 - ◆ Online Bill Payment
 - ◆ Click on Pet Registration
- 2) **In Person** at the Town Clerks Office—1471 Highland Ave.
- 3) **By Mail**—Request a form to be mailed to you by calling the Town Clerks Office #781-455-7500

Dog License Fees

- If Male or Female (not spayed or neutered) **\$25.00 per dog**
- If Neutered or Spayed—**\$20.00 per dog**

Kennel License Fees

- 1-4 dogs—\$50.00
- 5-10 dogs = \$75.00
- Over 10 dogs = \$150.00

****If you have a kennel license, you are now required to contact the Animal Control Officer for an inspection prior to a license being issued****

Munici-Pup says...



"It makes my tail wag when the poop is in the bag!"
Please clean up after your pet!

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Dog & Cat Waste Pollutes Our Watersheds!

Dog poop left on the street or lawn does not just go away or fertilize the grass. The bacteria in dog waste is often washed down storm drains and into ditches, streams, lakes, inlets, and can travel for miles in the water.

Kitty litter dumped outside can also be washed into streams. The bacteria in pet waste can make it unsafe to harvest shellfish or swim in our waters.



When pet waste washes into storm drains and waterways, it can make the water unhealthy for people and wildlife.

Why is pet waste bad?

- ◆ It is full of harmful bacteria such as giardia, e-coli, roundworm, and cryptosporidium.
- ◆ Pet waste can make people sick, especially children who may come into contact with it while playing outside.
- ◆ Pet waste in waterways can cause algae to grow, making the water turn green.
- ◆ If left in your yard, pet waste can kill grass and other plants.
- ◆ It should never be used for composting.



How to Safely Dispose of Pet Waste

1 Bag It!



Bring plastic bags with you when you walk your dog. Use a bag to pick up the pet waste. Tie bag closed and place it in the trash.

2 Trash It!



Always dispose pet litter in a trash can. **NEVER** throw dog waste down a storm drain or dump it near a waterway.

Re-use plastic bags from the grocery store, double bag the waste, tie knots at the top of both bags to ensure the waste is sealed.

